



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

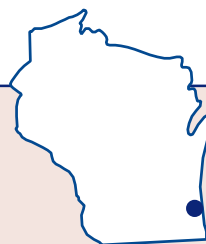
Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority, WI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority was selected to receive assessment, cleanup, and revolving loan fund grants. The Redevelopment Authority is focusing its brownfields redevelopment efforts at the most distressed areas of the city. A long history of industrial activity, including tanneries, foundries, breweries, and motor manufacturers, has left the city littered with brownfields. Two areas are targeted, the Aldermanic District and the Menominee River Valley areas. Aldermanic District residents are predominantly minorities and almost half of its households include children under 18 years of age. The poverty rate in this area is 36 percent and unemployment is at 16 percent. Neighborhoods around the Menominee Valley have the highest population density and lowest incomes



Assessment Grant

**New
2003**

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

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EPA has selected the Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct assessment activities at sites contaminated by hazardous substances and petroleum. The city is targeting high-poverty neighborhoods of the Aldermanic District. Grant funds also will be used for community outreach and redevelopment planning.

Cleanup Grants

**New
2003**

\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Milwaukee for two cleanup grants totaling \$400,000. The cleanup grants will be used for cleanup activities at the King & Haley and Airline Yards sites. Airline Yards is a 40-acre former rail-switching and car-stacking facility and is contaminated with volatile organic compounds, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and metals. The King & Haley site was used for a variety of commercial and light industrial uses and is contaminated with chlorinated hydrocarbons.

Revolving Loan Fund Grant

**New
2003**

\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Redevelopment Authority will provide loans and subgrants to conduct cleanup activities. The Redevelopment Authority plans to leverage this grant with other financing to build an eco-industrial park in the Menominee Valley.

in the state. The Menominee Valley is a federally designated Renewal Community. The Redevelopment Authority plans to redevelop these sites to spur business development, reduce commuter travel for residents, and begin the economic renewal of these disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Milwaukee has received brownfields funding for assessment, revolving loan fund, and Showcase Community grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.